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Assessment of the work of the inter-agency task forces established by the Statistical Commission in relation to their mandates

Report of the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

Replace subparagraph 10 (g) with the following:

(g) Inter-agency Task Force on Service Statistics
(Convener: OECD)

Terms of reference	Achievements
1. Strengthen cooperation between international organizations in the area of services statistics; liaise with other agencies or groups involved with service statistics. Promote the development of international standards, systems and classifications for service statistics. Improve the availability, quality and international comparability of services statistics. Facilitate the provision of technical assistance in service statistics to developing countries.	WTO conducted a comparative study on trade-in-services publications of IMF, Eurostat and OECD on travel and transportation. A presentation was made of the Joint OECD-Eurostat Trade-in-Services Classification consistent with the fifth edition of the IMF Balance of Payments Manual. Discussion was held on the outline of a manual on trade-in-services statistics.

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2. Focus on the statistical requirements of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).	A WTO questionnaire was prepared on modes of supply of services in the GATS. A joint OECD-Eurostat questionnaire on foreign affiliates trade statistics was prepared.
3. Serve as a forum for the communication of information on requirements and resources, and offer an opportunity for the rationalization of efforts.	An inventory of the activities and requirements of international institutions in the area of trade-in-services statistics was prepared. A report was submitted to the Statistical Commission.